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Patent
018484-002281US**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 12, 17, 20, 22, 25, 26, and 49-51 are pending in the application.

Indication of Allowable Claim

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claims 1, 12, 17, 20, 25, 26 and 49-51 are in allowable condition.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants traverse this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the use of the term "MFG" in claim 22 for the lack of the full form of the term in the application. As recited in the response of March 12, 2004, Applicants note that "MFG" is not an abbreviation but rather the actual name of the viral vector discussed in the application and no alternative name is available. Applicants have named the vector as "MFG" without any particular reason. Thus, this rejection has been overcome.

Conclusion

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a notice of Allowance in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of the present invention.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. 502486 for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that are not covered, in whole or in part, by a credit card payment enclosed herewith and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 502486.

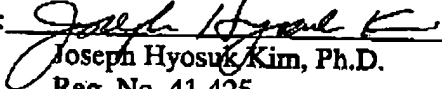
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Respectfully submitted,

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